

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the remarks herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection are respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 4-7 are pending for further examination.

Claims 1 and 4-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Nathan et al. (WO 96/12257). It is noted that Nathan is the first-named inventor of the instant application, and that both Nathan and the current application are co-owned and commonly assigned. In any event, the outstanding § 102 rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “receiving each packet of said file sent by the central server and directly writing each said packet sent by the central server to said reception file, each file having information representative of a type of data associated with the file, [and] for each file received, searching for a reception function to be associated with each received file based at least in part on the information representative of the type of data associated with the file.” These features of claim 1 are not identically disclosed in Nathan in as much detail as specifically recited in claim 1. Thus, Nathan does not anticipate the invention of claim 1, or its dependents.

Certain exemplary embodiments of the disclosed invention indicate that a “specific reception function” is searched for and located by “specified information representative of the type of data contained in the file.” This feature advantageously allows processing of each file or each type of file differently, depending on the type of data contained in the file. Indeed, as page 6, lines 27-28 of the original specification explains, “each reception function is specific, either to a specific file or to a file type.” As such, there is a specific receipt function for each file or each type of file. In marked contrast, in Nathan, there is only one database management system for all files and all types of files.

Moreover, certain exemplary embodiments of the disclosed invention relate to a reception function. This reception function is used for received files. In marked contrast, Nathan describes at page 18, line 30 to page 19, line 2, that its database management system is used both for receiving files and for transmission.

Nathan describes a communication protocol at page 22, line 36 to page 23, line 33. During the transmission of blocks of data from the server to the jukebox, Nathan makes clear that these blocks contain information within fields that identify the file that is being downloaded. However, Nathan does not specifically disclose, or inherently require, that the file itself contains "specified information representative of the type of data contained in the file," as called for by claim 1. Because Nathan does not disclose this feature, it cannot anticipate claim 1 or its dependents. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding § 102 rejection are respectfully requested.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this case, or deem that any formal matters need to be addressed, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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